SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: This Ministry was not existing at that point of time. May I say this?

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: The Government of India has to be held responsible for this.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: May I say, Sir, that we tried to find it out. This was done by this Ministry over the last over one year or two years or so, to find out who was really responsible for this because I agree with the Member that these things cannot be allowed to pass, that things are done in this manner and that nobody is responsible. There must be some sort of accountability. Therefore, that is precisely what we thought we should do, to try to find it out, but, then, it is long past, the people are no more there, and even records do not exist in that form. So, that is the position. Therefore, it is in this light that we look at things. There must be accountability, but there must also be a possibility of fixing responsibility. In this case, because of the great lapse of time, this was apparently not possible.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: The second part of my supplementary is whether he is aware that the fund was being invested in the stock market.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Have you any information?

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: I do not have the specific information at the present time, but, the money has to be utilised in whatever manner it is profitable.. (*Interruptions*)

Prices of Doxycycline Caps.

*268. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that leader prices of Doxycycline Caps. were revised on 10th May, 1994;

(b) whether it is a fact that major formulators like Pfizer, U.S. Vitamins and others have failed to implement the prices;

(c) whether it is also a fact that they were not following the leader prices as notified earlier;

(d) what is the exact position and since when the DPCO is being violated;

(e) whether it is a fact that instead of taking action against the concerned companies Government has been shielding the producers; and

(f) the grounds on which they have been overcharging the prices and the sanctity of Government price control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) and (f) The position is being ascertained and the required infor- (a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(e) No, Sir.

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: This question is regarding overcharging on the fixed price by the Government. I want to know from the hon. Minister whether the DPCO of September, 1993 is being adhered to to check the price or not and whether he has set up any agency or not.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Yes Sir. In view of the complaints and the nature of the Question, I have instructed the Department to find out about the violations. I will inform the Member about the findings.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.